

Concord University Parents Club

# The Scoop



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## Parents Club President Message

WOW! Homecoming weekend at Concord University was an exciting time for our family. My husband, Kelley, and I watched the seven teams of students compete during the parade on Thursday evening and at Lip Sync on Friday night. In between, we visited their displays around campus. The groups' costumes, floats, billboards, posters, and banners were exceptional. Their performances at Lip Sync were amazing. Concord University has many talented designers, artists, choreographers, stagehands, "singers", and dancers. Kelley and I were still floating on Cloud Nine after the awards ceremony during halftime at the football game. What a thrill it was for us to watch while our daughter, Anne, together with the ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Adam Pauley, together with the Bonner Scholars, were named Concord University Homecoming Royalty 2010. Congratulations to all of the seven teams for their extraordinary efforts and accomplishments!

As the weather changes from gentle breezes to snow and ice storms, please think about emergency supplies for your vehicles. Kelley, Anne, and I were among the thousands of people stranded overnight last December 18<sup>th</sup> on the West Virginia Turnpike during the blizzard. I'll be glad to send you the long list of items I compiled *after* that terrifying experience.

As we prepare for the semester break, we wish you a wonderful December and January. May your holidays be merry and bright!

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## Academic Calendar

December 10, Fri.	Last class day
Dec. 13-17 (M-F)	Final exams
December 17, Fri.	Fall semester ends 5:00 p.m.
December 18, Sat.	Fall Commencement 11:00 a.m.
January 17, Mon.	Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18, Tue.	Registration and payment of fees 8:30 a.m.
January 19, Wed.	Classes begin
January 20, Thur.	Late registration fee begins for on-campus courses

### **Residence Halls Close For Winter Break**

Residents must leave 24  
hours after their last final

**OR**

5:00pm on Friday,  
December 17th

**WHICHEVER COMES  
FIRST**



Final grades will be  
available on students'  
MyCu accounts on  
December 23rd.

**\*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\***

The online payment page is accessible under the Student tab of the student's MyCU account.

**\*\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*\***

A monthly installment plan is available for the Spring 2011 semester. The first monthly payment is due by December 20th. Please contact the Business Office at (304) 384-5212 or 5972 or via e-mail at [acctsrec@concord.edu](mailto:acctsrec@concord.edu) to request a monthly installment plan. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

## Message from the Office of Disability Service

If your student has a documented learning disability, he/she has rights granted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Basically these laws provide students with the following rights at Concord University:

- √ Equal access to post-secondary education
- √ Non discrimination
- √ Appropriate and reasonable accommodations based on each student's disability and how it affects learning
- √ The right to have information about the student's disability kept confidential.

Along with these rights, students also have the following responsibilities:

- √ The responsibility to disclose the disability
- √ The responsibility to provide the Office of Disability Services with adequate documentation of the disability
- √ The responsibility to meet the academic and conduct standards in place at Concord University.

For more information about Disability Services, please contact the Disability Services Coordinator, Nancy Ellison, by telephone at (304) 384-6086 or by email [nellison@concord.edu](mailto:nellison@concord.edu).



## A Message from Financial Aid

It is almost time to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2011-12 year. The FAFSA for 2011-12 is available starting on January 1, 2011 at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Concord's priority filing deadline is March 1, 2011. Filing date may be a factor in awarding some financial aid programs so file early. Completion of your 2010 tax return to file the FAFSA is not required but you will need to use estimated numbers and revise them after you file your tax return. Need assistance with completing the FAFSA? Join us on College Goal Sunday February 13, 2011. (See Page 8 for more information on College Goal Sunday)

Your student's FAFSA record may be selected for verification. If selected, the financial aid office will request additional documents to be completed and copies of other financial records (i.e. federal tax return, W-2, etc.). Selection for verification does not mean the FAFSA was completed incorrectly nor does being selected for more than one year. The verification process is to ensure students are eligible for the various types of federal aid. Financial aid is not awarded until verification is completed so be sure to submit requested documents promptly before some limited program funds have all been awarded.

## C U's Mock Trial Team Places 3rd in Nat'l Competition

**ATHENS** - Concord University's mock trial team placed third in the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity's National Pre-Law Conference and Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C. Nov. 10– 13, 2010. This is the sixth Concord team to have placed either first, second or third in the competition in the last six years.

Twelve Concord students participated in the Mock Trial Competition. They were divided into three teams. The team of Angela Cannon, Grace Hurney, Kelsey Queen and Ben Umstead made it into the final round of four teams and defeated a team from Indiana University to place third in the competition. First and second place went to the two teams from the University of Florida.

The other Concord students participating were Brandon Austin, Elizabeth Bailey, Dustin Blankenship, Joseph Dean II, Chris Matheny, Kiwa Nadas, Svitlana Olenich and Jacob Simmons.

The students play the part of both attorneys and witnesses in the competition. Simmons received the award as the best witness in the competition.

The mock trial case this year concerned whether an owner of an investment company murdered one of his employees after the employee allegedly threatened to sue him for discrimination and blow the whistle on an allegedly fraudulent investment scheme. The defendant claimed to have an alibi and asserted that there were other people who had the motive and opportunity to commit the alleged murder.

Pre-law undergraduate students from universities across the United States competed in the trial competition. Besides Concord, the schools competing included the University of Florida, Indiana University, Central Florida University, Texas Tech, the University of Houston, Western Illinois University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Pasadena City College, Oklahoma City University and William Woods University. The competition is part of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity's National Pre-Law Conference, which also includes speakers on law school applications, financial aid, LSAT test preparation and how to be successful law students.

Concord's mock trial teams are coached by Marshall S. Campbell, who is a local attorney, a pre-law instructor at Concord and Concord's Interim Director of Human Resources.

"I am extremely proud of the members of all Concord's teams. They prepared together, supported each other and learned a great deal," Campbell said. "The positive result again this year evidences Concord's strong legal studies and pre-law program.

"I want to give special recognition to Kelsey Queen and Jacob Simmons, who were on the Concord team that was in the finals in 2009. It is a special accomplishment to be recognized for their efforts and abilities two years in a row," he said.

Campbell thanked several local judges. "One evening, we went to the Mercer County Courthouse and had local Circuit Judges Derek Swope, William Sadler, and Omar Aboulhosn judge a practice round," he said. "Their experienced comments and observations were invaluable. We greatly appreciate their willingness to assist us and their excellent advice on the case helped us immensely."

Besides the mock trial class, Concord offers a variety of pre-law classes that assist the students in preparing for law school or other careers.



## Concord University Hosting 'Sounds of the Season'

**ATHENS** – A holiday tradition continues at Concord University with “Sounds of the Season” on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Main Theatre of the Alexander Fine Arts Center. This yearly festive gathering features talents from the Concord University Department of Music.

Included will be performances by the Brass Ensemble and Concord Band conducted by Laura Zamzow, assistant professor of music and director of band, and the Collegiate Singers, the ConChords and Camerata Singers conducted by Joshua Miller, assistant professor of music and director of vocal studies.

“The concert will feature a gem of the choral Christmas literature, Benjamin Britten’s ‘A Ceremony of Carols.’ This gorgeous setting of medieval sacred texts will be performed by the Camerata Singers, CU’s select women’s choir, joined by Mrs. Laurel Thompson, a professional harpist who performs with the WV Symphony Orchestra,” Miller said.

“The concert will showcase a few other lesser known holiday selections balanced with traditional favorites scored for choir, brass ensemble and concert band,” he said.

“The Campus Beautiful” will ring with the sounds of the Marsh Memorial Carillon 30 minutes prior to the 6 p.m. concert. Concord carillonneur Jesse Ratcliffe will perform the festive prelude on the world-class instrument.

A reception will follow the “Sounds of the Season” performance in the Fine Arts Center lobby. A special guest will make an appearance for the children in attendance.

The community is invited to attend this event. There is no admission charge.



## Exciting News from the Natural Sciences Division

Competitive research grants were won by the following faculty in the Division of Natural Sciences. The grants were awarded by WV EPSCoR (HEPC Division of Science and Research);

**Dr. Joseph L. Allen and Dr. Stephen C. Kuehn, Concord University (Geology)**  
Electron Microprobe User Facility for West Virginia, \$40,000 [Innovation Grant]

**Dr. David Chambers, Concord University (Biology)**  
Centrifugation and Spectrophotometry for Biotechnology Research and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, and General Biology Labs, \$14,861 [Equipment Grant]





## McNair Scholars Presented Research in New Mexico

Concord University (CU) and Bluefield State College (BSC) were well represented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual University of New Mexico Ronald E. McNair Research and Leadership Conference held October 6-9, 2010. Five McNair Scholars presented their research at the event: Amy Dent (poster), Richard Hodges (paper), Sulayman "Saul" Njie (poster), Amanda Showalter (poster), and Melanie Taylor (paper). Project details are noted below:

Amy Dent (BSC): The Stockholm Syndrome, Battered Woman Syndrome, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Women Sheltered from Recent Abuse and in Undergraduates More Distant from Abuse; Mentor: Mr. Charles Shamro, Associate Dean of Social Sciences at BSC; Visiting Professor of Psychology

Richard Hodges (CU): Physicalism vs. Dualism: A Re-Interpretation of the Christian Scriptures;

Mentor: Dr. Thomas McKenna, Assistant Professor of History and Philosophy at CU

Sulayman "Saul" Njie (BSC): Post Colonial Africa (Somalia and Nigeria); Mentor: Dr. David Haus, Assistant Professor of History at BSC

Amanda Showalter (CU): Comprehensive vs. Abstinence-Based Sex Education; Mentor: Dr. Sarah Whittaker, Associate Professor of Social Work at CU

Melanie Taylor (CU): Idioblast function in leaves of *Vireyas*; Mentor: Dr. Douglas Creer, Assistant Professor of Biology at CU

Over the course of the conference Scholars attended student research presentations, graduate admissions related workshops, a Graduate & Professional School Fair, and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Scholars also enjoyed a scenic drive to Santa Fe, riding the world's longest tram to the top of the Sandia Mountain crest, and plenty of local food and entertainment. According to Amy Dent, "Traveling to New Mexico was a wonderful experience! It was exciting to get a glimpse of another culture and see what other McNair Scholars are researching." Richard Hodges commented, "The conference provided a great overview of academic research and the presentation process."





The McNair Scholars Program is a federally funded TRIO Program that provides academically talented college students from disadvantaged backgrounds with access to training and resources designed to make the transition into graduate or professional school smooth and successful. Each Scholar works with a faculty Mentor to complete a research project of mutual interest. He/she also attends a variety of graduate admissions related workshops and engages in educational travel (e.g. professional conferences, visits to prospective graduate schools, etc.). Each Scholar earns a research stipend (up to \$2800) in exchange for research progress over the course of a calendar year. Additional funding is also available for research supplies.

Every Fall Concord's McNair Scholars Program recruits sophomores and juniors (with at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA) from within as well as from Bluefield State College and West Virginia State University. (U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required.) If you'd like more information on the McNair Scholars Program, please contact the McNair Office at (304) 384-5153 or lkarnes@concord.edu.

Pictured from L to R: Amanda Showalter, Sulayman Njie, Melanie Taylor, Richard Hodges, and Amy Dent at an Old Plaza shop in New Mexico



## Prospective Concord Students Invited to Informational Events

**ATHENS** – The Concord University Office of Admissions is hosting several regional informational gatherings for students interested in attending the University.

Kent Gamble, Concord University director of enrollment, said that while the events are primarily geared toward high school seniors, any student with an interest in Concord is invited to attend.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss admission policies and procedures, complete an application for admission, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, discuss student life and housing and gather information on academic programs of study, he said.

Gatherings will be held at eight high schools covering six southern West Virginia counties: Mercer, Monroe, Greenbrier, McDowell, Wyoming and Raleigh. Students and parents can stop by from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and no RSVP is necessary.

This allows us to bring Concord University to students and their parents in familiar surroundings where they can obtain information and begin the process of enrollment,” Gamble said.

The schedule includes: November 29, James Monroe High School; November 30, Greenbrier West High School; December 1, Wyoming East High School; December 2, Princeton Senior High School; December 6, Independence High School; December 7, Liberty High School; December 8, Riverview High School; and, December 9, Shady Spring High School.

For more information contact the Concord University Office of Admissions at [admissions@concord.edu](mailto:admissions@concord.edu) or (888)384-5249 or (304)384-5248.

***COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY—SAVE THE DATE!!!***

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011, 1-4pm**

### University Point on the Concord University Campus

- ◆ Concord University will host College Goal Sunday, a nationwide effort to assist students and families with completing the FAFSA.. Financial aid experts will be available to answer your questions and assist you with completing the FAFSA.
- ◆ College Goal Sunday is open to anyone needing assistance, including high school seniors, non-traditional students, current students at any college/university, parents, any prospective student, &, of course Concord University students and their parents
- ◆ The service is FREE and confidential!!
- ◆ Giveaways and Drawings for free gifts

College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission .Concord University is proud to be one of 18 sites in West Virginia. Visit [http://www.cfwv.com/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/College\\_Goal\\_Sunday.aspx](http://www.cfwv.com/Financial_Aid_Planning/College_Goal_Sunday.aspx) for details.



## A Message from Admissions

Dear Parent Club Member,

The Office of Admissions is currently looking for new Mountain Lions. If you know of a potential Concord student, please let us know.

I thank you for recommending potential students to join our Concord family. Submit the following information through email: [admissions@concord.edu](mailto:admissions@concord.edu) or call toll-free 1-888-384-5249:

Student's name, address, phone number, e-mail, name of high school and graduation date.

Sincerely,  
Kent Gamble  
Director of Enrollment



## Second Annual Concord University Holiday Wassail

Time: Saturday, December 11 · 11:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Alumni Lounge, University Point, CU Campus

You and your family are invited to join us for a delightful holiday event including delicious wassail and other treats as well as traditional songs and music. Come get into the holiday spirit with us!

The occasion will be held downstairs in University Point, our newest campus addition: <http://www.concord.edu/advancement/university-point>  
After the Wassail the Lady Lions Women's Basketball team plays at 1:00 p.m. in Carter Center. The Men's Basketball team follows at 3:00 p.m..

For more information about the wassail or to RSVP, please email the Office of Advancement at [advancement@concord.edu](mailto:advancement@concord.edu) or call (304) 384-6311.

